

Valley Forge National Historical Park Construction Project Updates

Project Management Weekly Update: March 2nd, 2007

Week of February 26th, 2007 – March 2nd, 2007

PA Route 23:

a. The first phase of major road improvements began in the park on <u>March 4, 2007</u>. Route 23 will be closed to traffic and detoured through the park from 9:00 p.m. through 6 a.m. Monday through Friday beginning March 4, 2007. ***See below for more information***

Development of David Walker Farmstead for Montessori Children's School

a. The PMIS project was completed and submitted for inclusion in the NE Region's submittal to WASO for consideration.

Structural Stabilization of Knox's Quarters

a. The A/E Title III Statement of Work is in Regional Contracting awaiting a proposal from the IDIQ contractor. The Statement of Work and associated documentation has been given to the CO at INDE for securing a quotation from an 8(a) contractor.

Welcome Center Tent Enclosure (Future Interpreters' Workstations)

a. The wall/louver alterations have been ordered. The work should be accomplished by third week in March.

Work Plan for week of March 5th through March 10th, 2007

Structural Stabilization of Knox's Quarters

a. The actual work should commence by the end of March. The first phase of work will be twelve weeks in duration. The phase II work will be eight weeks duration.

Welcome Center Tent Enclosure (Future Interpreters' Workstations)

- a. A statement of work will be created for a new door with panic bar and emergency lighting in the current office space on the "upper level" of the Welcome Center.
- b. Interpretive staff will begin transferring over to the new offices.

Administrative Building and Auditorium HVAC Replacement

a. Reworking of scope of work.

b.The CESS estimate will be revised to reflect design/build rather than just design.

ROAD CLOSURES AND DETOURS

West Inner Line along with Inner Line Spur will remain closed due to unsafe conditions.

Inner Line Drive will be CLOSED and will remain closed until the gutter work is finished and the road surface has been milled down. The closure will be from the intersection of Valley Forge Road (RT 23) to Gulph Road this includes Inner Line Spur Road, and from Gulph Road to Artillery Park Picnic Area. The reason for this closure is that in many places along the Inner Line where the Gutters have been cleaned there is as much as a 6" drop off from the road surface to the gutter. This drop-off presents a safety hazard to vehicles. Inner Line will also be closed to pedestrians and bicycle traffic. The machinery that is being used presents a hazard to visitors.

Pennsylvania State Route 23 ("Valley Forge Road"): The first phase of major road improvements will begin in the Park on <u>March 4, 2007</u>. Route 23 will be closed to traffic and detoured through the park from 9:00 p.m. through 5 a.m. Monday through Friday beginning March 4, 2007. The period of construction may last until August, 2007. The road closure will be from the intersection of RT 23 "Valley Forge Road" and County Line Road to the intersection of RT 23 and Richards Road. The detour will be clearly identified with directional signs as well as traffic control flagging personnel.

This road closure will allow the Utility Companies for water, electric, gas and telecommunications to relocate their equipment within the new utility corridor. This utility corridor realignment is required because of the realignment of RT 23 from County Line road to Richards's road. This is the first phase of a much larger PennDot construction project which will rebuild the Trooper Road Bridge crossing the Schuylkill River, widen PA Route 422 in both directions and improve the on and off ramps on RT 422 at Valley Forge and Trooper roads.